

**40839. (Undetermined.)****Monkey bread.**

From Mt. Coffee, Liberia. Presented by Mr. Henry O. Stewart. Received June 1, 1915.

**40840. BRASSICA PEKINENSIS (Lour.) Skeels. Brassicaceæ.****Pe-tsai.**

From Chefoo, China. Presented by Mr. A. Sugden, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, through Mr. John F. Jewell, American consul. Received May 27, 1915.

"Shantung cabbage."

**40841. TELOPEA SPECIOSISSIMA (Smith) R. Brown. Proteaceæ.****Waratah.**

From Lawang, Java. Presented by Mr. M. Buysman, Botanic Garden. Received June 1, 1915.

See S. P. I. Nos. 15696 and 40064 for previous introductions and description.

"Although this beautiful and very uncommon evergreen shrub was introduced from the Blue Mountains of New South Wales as long ago as 1789, it has been seen very rarely in flower in England. The deep-crimson, tubular flowers are about 1 inch long, and are borne in a dense globular head surrounded by an involucre of ovate-lanceolate blood-red bracts, each measuring from 2 to 3 inches in length. The firm leathery leaves are cuneate-oblong in shape and measure about 6 inches long by 1½ inches broad. They are toothed in the upper part and are dark green above and paler below." (*Proc. Royal Hort. Soc., vol. 40, p. 130, 1915.*)

**40842. PHYLLOSTACHYS sp. Poaceæ.****Bamboo.**

From Burroughs, Ga. Plants secured by Mr. Edward Simmonds, through Mr. S. B. Dayton, Savannah, Ga. Received June 5, 1915.

"From J. T. Smith's place, Burroughs, Ga. A bamboo reported to have been brought from India in 1890 and planted near Savannah, where it attains a height of at least 50 feet and a diameter of 3 inches." (*Dayton.*)

For an illustration of the Smith bamboo grove, see Plate VI.

**40843. PASSIFLORA ALATA Curtis. Passifloraceæ. Passion fruit.**

From Honolulu, Hawaii. Presented by Mr. Garret P. Wilder. Received June 9, 1915.

"This is a strong, vigorous vine, very suitable for arbors and trellises. It is not commonly found in Hawaii; however, a very fine specimen of its kind is growing in Dr. St. D. G. Walter's garden in Honolulu. The leaves are oval to ovate, the petioles having two glands. The fragrant purple flowers are about 2 inches in diameter. The ovoid-pointed fruit has a tough, leathery shell, which, when green, is 6 striated, with white stripes; when quite ripe the fruit is a dull orange-yellow. The numerous seeds are imbedded in the juicy, scented pulp, which is aromatic and delicious. Propagation is by seed and by cuttings." (*G. P. Wilder, Fruits of the Hawaiian Islands.*)